GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4488
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2001
MISUSE OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS/VISA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of cases of misuse of diplomatic passports have come to the notic of Government;

(b) if so, the number of such cases detected during the last three years;

(c) whether in certain cases some Indian Foreign Service Officers have got work visas stamped on diplomatic passports of relatives in contravention of rules;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether certain Indian-officials holding diplomatic passport disappeared during their posting at Indian Missions abroad;

(f) if so, the number of such cases reported during the last three years, year-wise, country-wise;

(g) the efforts made to trace them and to ascertain the motives behind their disappearance; and
(h) the fresh steps taken to check the misuse of diplomatic passports and to strictly follow the passport manual in case of officals working in Indian Missions Abroad?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) No, Sir;

(b) Not applicable;

(c) No, Sir,

(d) Not applicable;

(e) No, Sir;

(f) Not applicable;

(g) Not applicable;

(h) Specific instructions have been issued by the Ministry to Indian Missions and Posts abroad for maintaining a tight vigil to avoid any misuse of diplomatic passports.